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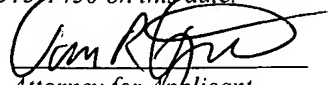
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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re U.S. Application of:)
Applicant(s): Martin Pelikan et al.)
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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 19, 2005, Applicant through his undersigned attorney offers the following amendments and remarks.